

Morriss.	Stafford.
Neal.	Terrell.
Patterson.	Turney.
Potter.	Wayland.
Ross.	Yantis.
Sebastian.	Yett.

Absent.

Gough. Stone.

Absent—Excused.

Odell.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Burns.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Patterson.
Goss.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Turney.
Linn.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yantis.
McGee.	Yett.
Miller.	

Absent.

Gough. Stone.

Absent—Excused.

Odell.

Senator Greer moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed, and lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

On motion of Senator Hanger the special order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 119, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4368, Chapter 3, Title XCIV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, prescribing the duties of railway companies with respect to their general and public offices, and the residence of their officers, to be kept and maintained within this State," action being on the adoption of the committee substitute.

Pending action, Senator Yantis moved to postpone the bill until after morning call next Monday, March 20th.

Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—20.

Burns.	Dibrell.
Davidson.	Goss.
Greer.	Potter.
Grinnan.	Ross.
James.	Sebastian.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Linn.	Turney.
Lloyd.	Wayland.
McGee.	Yantis.
Morriss.	Yett.

Nays—3.

Hanger.	Stafford.
Miller.	

Absent.

Atlee.	Neal.
Gough.	Patterson.
Johnson.	Stone.
Lewis.	

Absent—Excused.

Odell.

Senator Lloyd moved to postpone the special order to take up

Senate bill No. 245, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal 'An Act to incorporate the town of Jacksonville, in Cherokee county, Texas,' passed at the session of the Thirteenth Legislature."

Lost.

On motion of Senator Kerr the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

FORTY-SIXTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Tex., Wednesday, March 15, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Pro Tem. Stafford in the Chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	McGee.
Davidson.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Patterson.
Goss.	Ross.
Gough.	Sebastian.
Greer.	Stafford.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
Hanger.	Turney.
James.	Wayland.
Johnson.	Yantis.
Kerr.	Yett.
Linn.	

Absent.

Lewis.	Odell.
Miller.	Potter.
Neal.	Stone.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev Dr. Denison.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday.

On motion of Senator Ross, the same was dispensed with.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Gough, Senators Neal, Miller and Stone were excused for today and tomorrow on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Greer, Senator Lewis was excused for today on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Greer, Senator Potter was excused for the remainder of the week on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Hanger, Senator Odell was excused for today on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Goss, Senator Gough was excused for non-attendance on Monday and Tuesday on account of important business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1899.

*Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem.
of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 219, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1113, Title XV, Chapter 3, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to the pay of jurors in criminal cases, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

ATLEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1899.

*Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem.
of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 240, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize admission to record and evidence in the courts of this State of duly certified copies of all deeds and other instruments of conveyances of land, which have been duly registered or recorded in other States or in the Republic of Mexico, but which the laws of such States or country require to be retained in the deed or notarial archives of such States, or country, and to give such instruments like effect, as notice and proof, as is given by deeds executed in this State, and to declare an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

ATLEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1899.

*Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem.
of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 230, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize admission to record and evidence in the courts of this State of duly certified copies of all deeds and other instruments of conveyances of land, which have been duly registered or recorded in other States, but which the laws of such States require to be retained in the deed or notarial archives of such States, and to give such instruments like effect, as notice and proof, as is given by deeds executed in this State, and to declare an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do not pass*, for the reason that the subject matter is covered by another bill, which was reported favorably.

ATLEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1899.

*Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem.
of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 246, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to enable warehousemen and warehouse companies, to dispose of unclaimed property left in their custody, and prescribing the method of disposing of such property, and providing for the disposition of the proceeds of the sale of such property,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

ATLEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1899.

*Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem.
of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 255, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the advertising of delinquent tax lists, citations, and other official notices,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do not pass*.

ATLEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1899.

*Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem.
of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 231, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to allow, authorize and permit any payor or obligor who owns any purchase money or other lien note secured by real estate to pay the tax in full upon such real estate so securing any such debt, and to charge the owner or holder of such note or lien upon any such real estate, for the pro rata part of the taxes due the State and county where such real estate is situated according to the value of such real estate assessed by the county tax assessor or the board of equalization, for each year that said note or other lien remains unpaid. And to allow said debtor, payor or obligor on any such note or other lien so secured by real estate a valid and bona fide claim, credit and offset against such note or lien for the full sum that he may have paid such taxes as were due and payable by law upon said note or other lien,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

ATLEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1899.

*Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem.
of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 227, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1373, of Chapter 17, Title XXX, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, by prescribing the mode of procedure in bills of review, when the State of Texas is a party to the suit, and by authorizing bills of review to be filed by heirs or devisees,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do not pass*.

ATLEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1899.

*Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem.
of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 226, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1832, of Title XXX, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to authorize

heirs, devisees and legal representatives of parties to suits to escheat property, to appeal and sue out writs of error, and to prescribe the mode of issuing and service of process in such cases,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do not pass*.

ATLEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1899.

*Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem.
of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 229, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 54, of the Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, the same being an act entitled 'An Act to amend Article 2601, Chapter 6, Title LI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to bonds of guardians and sureties thereon,' so as to authorize the giving of such bonds by companies organized in other States and authorized to do business in this State, and to validate bonds of guardians heretofore given in this State by companies organized under the laws of other States,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

ATLEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1899.

*Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem.
of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 247, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to compel the repayment of money illegally demanded and paid, and to pay for work done in good faith under an illegal contract,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do not pass*.

ATLEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1899.

*Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem.
of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 204, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the transfer of suits to the proper county or precinct, when a plea of privilege to be sued in a particular county or precinct is sustained, and to provide for taxing

costs of transferring the case to the proper county or precinct against the plaintiff,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do not* pass.

ATLEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1899.
Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred

House bill No. 441, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to transfer Rains and Grimes counties from the community school system to the district system, and to authorize and empower the said counties to organize and conduct all of their free schools under the district system, as provided by the laws now in force,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do* pass, and that it be not printed.

Floor report, Goss, Patterson, Grinnan, Hanger, Terrell, Morriss.

GOSS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1899.
Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 104, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds to construct a postoffice in the capitol for the use of the Legislature, and making an appropriation therefor,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do* pass.

JOHNSON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1899.
Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Public Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

House bill No. 444, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and create a more efficient system of public roads and bridges for Liberty county, for the issuance of bonds for said county for the purpose of constructing permanent public roads; to authorize the investment of

the permanent school fund of the State, and of said county in such bonds; to provide for and limit the expenditure of moneys arising from the sale of such bonds; to prescribe and define the powers and duties of the commissioners court in reference thereto, and to validate public roads heretofore laid out and established in said county,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do* pass.

Floor report, Stafford, Yantis, Linn, Johnson.

STAFFORD, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1899.
Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Mining and Irrigation, to whom was referred

House bill No. 542, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate drilling, operation and abandonment of petroleum oil, natural gas and mineral water wells, and to prevent certain abuses therewith,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do* pass.

GREER, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1899.
Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Mining and Irrigation, to whom was referred

House bill No. 523, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the construction and maintenance of drains, ditches and water courses for the improvement and enlargement of natural drainage of the several counties within the State of Texas; authorizing commissioners courts to order an election for the purpose of determining upon the levy of a tax for the construction of such ditches, drains and water courses, and providing for an assessment and collection of such tax, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do* pass.

GREER, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1899.
Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on State Asylums, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 234, being a bill to be

entitled "An Act to amend Article 166 and Article 170, Chapter 2, Title IX, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached substitute do pass.

MORRISS, Chairman.

Substitute Senate bill No. 234, by Committee.

A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 166, Chapter 2, Title IX, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas," so as to hereafter read as follows:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Article 166. This institution shall be known as the State Orphans' Home, and the board of trustees shall appoint a superintendent upon the nomination of the Governor, who shall have general supervision of the affairs of said Home, under the direction of the board of managers, and who shall receive such salary as may be from time to time fixed by the legislative appropriation.

Be it further enacted that all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 262, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to make an appropriation of two thousand dollars to assist the local authorities at Laredo, Webb county, Texas, in suppressing and abating the epidemic of smallpox now raging at that place."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

JAMES, Chairman.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Linn:

Senate bill No. 258, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the payment to Clarke & Courts the balance due them under printing contract."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Debt, Claims and Accounts.

By Senator Morriss:

Senate bill No. 259, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation for the payment of claim by Isaac Lemman for corn furnished the army of the Re-

public of Texas during the Cherokee Indian War in 1839."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Debt, Claims and Accounts.

By Senator Dibrell (by request):

Senate bill No. 260, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment, maintenance and government of a State Normal School to be located at San Marcos, in Hays county, Texas, to be known as the Southwest Texas Normal School."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Senator Atlee:

Senate bill No. 261, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the recompilation of an abstract of the located, titled and patented lands of the State of Texas."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public lands.

Call concluded.

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING.

The Chair laid before the Senate,

House bill No. 70, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require the owner, owners or lessee of coal mines within this State to provide for the safety and health of their employes, and requiring them to construct sufficient means of egress and ingress, and providing a penalty for the failure to so do," action being on second reading.

On motion of Senator Terrell, consideration of the bill was postponed until next Wednesday, March 22.

The Chair laid before the Senate,

House bill No. 107, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3909, Title LXXXVI, Chapter 7, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1895, relating to the course of study taught in the public schools of Texas, so as to hereafter read as follows:"

Bill read second time (in full, at request of Senator Turney).

Pending further action, the bill was postponed until next Wednesday, March 22, on motion of Senator Grinnan, by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	McGee.
Goss.	Sebastian.
Gough.	Terrell.
Greer.	Yantis.
Grinnan.	Yett.
James.	

Nays—12.

Davidson.	Kerr.
Dibrell.	Linn.
Hanger.	Morriss.
Johnson.	Patterson.

Ross.	Turney.
Stafford.	Wayland.
Absent—Excused.	
Lewis.	Odell.
Miller.	Potter.
Neal.	Stone.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Chair laid before the Senate, special order for this hour,

Senate bill No. 192, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide and equip certain eleemosynary institutions of the State with an efficient and permanent system of fire escapes, authorizing the purchase of such fire escapes by the board of managers of the institutions herein named, with the approval of the Governor of the State, and making an appropriation therefor," action being on engrossment.

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Morriss, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—19.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	McGee.
Goss.	Morriss.
Gough.	Patterson.
Greer.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Yantis.
Kerr.	Yett.
Linn.	

Nays—4.

Davidson.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Turney.

Absent—Excused.

Lewis.	Odell.
Miller.	Potter.
Neal.	Stone.

Bill read third time.

Pending action, Hon. N. A. Cravens, Private Secretary of the Governor, was announced, and the Chair laid before the Senate the following

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE.

To the Senate and House of Representatives.

I beg to invite your attention to the accompanying communication to me from the State Health Officer in reference to the city of Laredo, in Webb county, and also to a copy of a telegram from citizens upon the same subject.

On yesterday, I telegraphed to the sur-

geon-general of the Marine Hospital Service, asking him to secure for me from the War Department a loan of 500 tents, to be used in caring for the sick, to which I have as yet received no reply.

The conditions that prevail at Laredo are of such character as in my judgment call for an immediate appropriation of two thousand dollars (\$2000) to be expended in suppressing the smallpox in that city, and I therefore recommend that immediate action be taken by the Legislature.

JOSEPH D. SAYERS,
Governor.

(Copy.)

QUARANTINE DEPARTMENT
OF TEXAS.

Austin, Texas, March 15, 1899.

The Hon. Joseph D. Sayers, Governor of Texas.

DEAR SIR: Whereas, There are about 500 cases of smallpox in the city of Laredo, and the county of Webb, and

Whereas, The citizens of Laredo have appealed to me for assistance, assuring me that they have no money with which they can operate in caring for the sick already on hand, and to stop the further spread of the disease in the city and county, and

Whereas, The disease prevails among the poorer classes of Mexicans who are helpless and must be cared for by some one.

I would respectfully recommend that an appropriation of two thousand dollars (\$2000) be made at once to assist the city of Laredo in stamping out the scourge of smallpox now prevailing in that city.

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) W. F. BLUNT,
State Health Officer.

(Copy of telegram.)

Laredo, Texas, March 14, 1899.

Hon. Joseph D. Sayers, Governor, Austin, Texas.

At a meeting of citizens held yesterday, it was resolved that the Governor be requested to take charge of the smallpox situation immediately on account of inability of local authorities to control spread of the disease. Thirty-three new cases yesterday and nothing effective has been done to prevent further increase. Please answer.

(Signed) Q. VILLEGAS,
Chairman.

J. O. NICHOLSON,
Secretary.

SENATE BILL NO. 262.

By unanimous consent, Senator Atlee introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 262, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate two thousand dollars to assist the local authorities at Laredo, Webb county, Texas, in suppressing and abating the epidemic by small-pox now raging at that place."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Health.

PENDING BUSINESS.

Question recurring on the final passage of Senate bill No. 192 (see above), the same was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Burns.	Lloyd.
Goss.	McGee.
Gough.	Morriss.
Greer.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Yantis.
Linn.	Yett.

Nays—8.

Atlee.	Kerr.
Davidson.	Patterson.
Dibrell.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Turney.

Present—Not voting.

Wayland.

Absent—Excused.

Lewis.	Odell.
Miller.	Potter.
Neal.	Stone.

Senator Morriss moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed, and lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

On motion of Senator Linn, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 228, A bill to be entitled "An Act ratifying and confirming an ordinance passed by the city council of the city of Galveston on the fourth day of February, 1899, entitled 'An ordinance abandoning, discontinuing and closing certain streets, avenues and alleys of the city of Galveston, and authorizing and empowering Collis P. Huntington, his heirs or assigns, perpetually to construct and maintain piers on the shore of Galveston Bay, within the corporate limits of the city of Galveston, upon certain specified conditions,' and conditionally relinquishing any claim the State of Texas may have to part of the property therein described."

Bill read second time.

(Senator James in the Chair.)

Pending further consideration, President Pro Tem Stafford in the Chair.

BILLS SIGNED.

The Chair signed in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read, the following bills:

Substitute House bill No. 196, "An Act to amend Article 3953, Chapter 11, Title LXXXVI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith."

House bill No. 571, "An Act to authorize the Gulf, Beaumont & Kansas City Railway Company to purchase, own and operate the railroad, including all the property, property rights, franchises and appurtenances of the Gulf, Beaumont & Great Northern Railway Company now existing or that may hereafter be built or acquired by the Gulf, Beaumont & Great Northern Railway Company, and to authorize and empower the Gulf, Beaumont & Kansas City Railway Company, in the name of the Gulf, Beaumont & Great Northern Railway Company, to issue bonds, secured by mortgage upon the railway, property rights and franchises of the Gulf, Beaumont & Great Northern Railway Company, as said value may hereafter be ascertained and fixed by the Railroad Commission of Texas, and to regulate the reports of such property and the operation thereof, and to enable said corporation, the Gulf, Beaumont & Great Northern Railway Company, to build, construct and equip its proposed line or lines of railway, as provided in its charter, and for said purpose to raise money therefor."

HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following House message was received:

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate of the passage of the following bill:

House bill No. 381, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act known as Senate bill No. 236, Chapter 57, of the General Laws, passed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, regulating the time of holding the district court in Jasper, Newton, Orange, Jefferson and Tyler counties, so as to reduce the terms in

Tyler and Newton counties, and to extend the terms in Jefferson county."

Respectfully,
LEE J. ROUNTREE,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

IN THE SENATE.

The above House bill No. 381 was read first time, and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By unanimous consent, Senator Yett sent up the following

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1899.
Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 262, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to make an appropriation of two thousand dollars to assist the local authorities at Laredo, Webb county, Texas, in suppressing and abating the epidemic of smallpox now raging at that place."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do* pass.

We further recommend that the bill be not printed.

YETT, Chairman.

On motion of Senator Atlee, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 262, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make an appropriation of two thousand dollars to assist the local authorities at Laredo, Webb county, Texas, in suppressing and abating the epidemic of smallpox now raging at that place."

On motion of Senator Atlee, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill placed upon its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	McGee.
Davidson.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Patterson.
Goss.	Ross.
Gough.	Sebastian.
Greer.	Stafford.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
Hanger.	Turney.
James.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Yantis.
Linn.	Yett.

Absent.

Johnson.

Absent—Excused.

Lewis.	Odell.
Miller.	Potter.
Neal.	Stone.

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Atlee, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	McGee.
Davidson.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Patterson.
Goss.	Ross.
Gough.	Sebastian.
Greer.	Stafford.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
Hanger.	Turney.
James.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Yantis.
Linn.	Yett.

Absent—Excused.

Lewis.	Odell.
Miller.	Potter.
Neal.	Stone.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	McGee.
Davidson.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Patterson.
Goss.	Ross.
Gough.	Sebastian.
Greer.	Stafford.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
Hanger.	Turney.
James.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Yantis.
Linn.	Yett.

Absent—Excused.

Lewis.	Odell.
Miller.	Potter.
Neal.	Stone.

PENDING BUSINESS.

Engrossment of Senate bill No. 228 (see above).

By Senator Davidson:

"Amend by striking out in line 8, page 5, all after 'whereas,' and to 'the' in said line 8, and striking out 'ever' in line 9 of said page 5, and adding in the place of said word 'never.'"

By Senator Linn:

Substitute for amendment:

"Amend by striking out on page 5,

lines 8 to 20, inclusive, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"And whereas, it is greatly to the interest of the public that the property described in Section 1 of said ordinance should be developed for shipping and transportation purposes, and that the shipping facilities of the port of Galveston should be thereby improved and enlarged in order to better accommodate the commerce of the port and State, and to utilize, as far as practicable, the deep water at said port secured by the expenditure of large sums of money by the government of the United States, now therefore,"

Adopted.

The amendment as substituted was then adopted.

By Senator Linn:

"Amend by adding at the end of Section 1 the following: 'Provided further, that the system of railroad tracks that may be constructed by Collis P. Huntington, his heirs or assigns, on the property described and referred to in Section 1 of the above recited ordinance, shall connect with the track of any railroad company that may be built to the intersection of Forty-first street with the prolongation of Avenue A, according to map of the Galveston City Company; provided, that this shall not be construed as authorizing any person or corporation to use the tracks that may be constructed by the said Huntington, his heirs or assigns, on said property.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Burns:

"Amend by adding after the word 'recited' in line 2, page 6, the following: 'And upon the further condition that if the said C. P. Huntington, his heirs or assigns, shall charge wharfage for the use of such piers or other facilities upon said property, all such wharfage charges shall be subject to the regulation of the Railroad Commission of Texas, but this shall not be so construed as to permit or allow any other person or corporation to use said property, or any portion thereof, without the consent of said C. P. Huntington, his heirs or assigns, owning the same at the time.'"

By Senator Goss:

"Amend the amendment by inserting after the word 'Commission,' the words 'or the Legislature of the State.'"

Lost.

(Senator Atlee in the chair.)

The amendment (Burns') was then adopted.

By Senator Greer:

"Amend by striking out all of Section 1, after the word 'Texas,' page 5, line 30,

and insert in lieu thereof the following: 'Hereby authorize the said C. P. Huntington, his heirs or assigns, to sue the State of Texas in the District Court of Galveston county to establish title, if he has such, to all or any portion of the 'flats' or lands under water described in Section 1 of said ordinance; provided, however, that in the event of his recovery, he shall hold the same subject to each and all of the conditions set forth or contained in Section 3 of said ordinance as above recited, and upon the breach or violation of said conditions, or either of them, all of the rights and powers hereby granted, in so far as this act seeks to ratify said ordinance, shall be revoked and this act shall in that respect be null and void.'"

Lost.

By Senator Greer:

"Strike out on page 5, lines 30 and 31, from and including the word 'relinquishes' in line 30, to and including the words 'may leave, in line 31, and insert in lieu thereof 'disclaims any title.'"

Lost.

Bill as amended ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Linn, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—19.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Patterson.
Dibrell.	Ross.
Goss.	Sebastian.
Gough.	Terrell.
Hanger.	Turney.
James.	Yantis.
Kerr.	Yett.
Linn.	

Nays—3.

Greer.	McGee.
Grinnan.	

Absent.

Johnson.	Wayland.
Stafford.	

Absent—Excused.

Lewis.	Odell.
Miller.	Potter.
Neal.	Stone.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—19.

Atlee.	Hanger.
Burns.	James.
Davidson.	Kerr.
Dibrell.	Linn.
Goss.	Lloyd.
Gough.	Morriss.

Patterson.	Turney.
Ross.	Yantis.
Sebastian.	Yett.
Terrell.	
	Nays—2.
Grinnan.	McGee.
	Absent.
Johnson.	Wayland.
Stafford.	
	Absent—Excused.
Lewis.	Odell.
Miller.	Potter.
Neal.	Stone.

Senator Linn moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed, and to lay that motion on the table.
 Tabled.

SENATE BILL NO. 263.

By unanimous consent, Senator Patterson (by request) introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 263, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4218q, Title LXXXVII, Chapter 12a, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, relating to the sale of timber on State lands."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

REGULAR ORDER.

(Senator Ross in the chair.)

On motion of Senator Sebastian the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading

Senate bill No. 181, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 695, Title VIII, Chapter 4, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas."

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

MADE SPECIAL ORDER.

On motion of Senator Dibrell, Senate bill No. 60 (the general appropriation bill), was made special order for tomorrow morning after call, and that it be considered from day to day until disposed of.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following House message was received:

Hall of the House of Representatives,
 Austin, Texas, March 15, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate of the passage of the following bill:

Senate bill No. 262, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to make an appropriation of two thousand dollars to assist the local authorities at Laredo, Webb county, Texas, in suppressing and abating the epidemic of smallpox now raging in that place."

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

On motion of Senator Goss the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTER RECESS.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. President Pro Tem. Stafford in the chair.

REGULAR ORDER.

The Chair laid before the Senate, regular order,

Senate bill No. 199, A bill to be entitled "An Act to confer authority on the Penitentiary Board to issue paroles to meritorious convicts, and to make and establish rules and regulations to carry the same into effect," action being on engrossment.

BILLS SIGNED.

The Chair, signed in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read, the following bills:

Senate bill No. 262, "An Act to make an appropriation of two thousand dollars to assist the local authorities at Laredo, Webb county, Texas, in suppressing and abating the epidemic of smallpox now raging at that place."

Substitute Senate bill No. 55, "An Act to establish and create in each of the cities, towns and villages of this State a State court, to be known as the corporation court in such city, town or village, and to prescribe the jurisdiction and organization thereof, and to abolish municipal courts."

On motion of Senator Davidson the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 202, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5364, Title CXI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to wool growing interest, so as to strike out of the exempt list the counties of Calhoun and Aransas."

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

HOUSE BILL ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Senator Yantis the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

House bill No. 441, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to transfer Rains and Grimes counties from the community school system, and to authorize and empower the said counties to organize and conduct all of their free schools under the district system as provided by the laws now in force."

Bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following committee reports were made:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1899.
Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 221, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3071, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to insurance,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

McGEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1899.
Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 192, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to provide and equip certain eleemosynary institutions of the State with an efficient and permanent system of fire escapes, authorizing the purchase of such fire escapes by the board of managers of the institutions herein named, with the approval of the Governor of the State, and making an appropriation therefor,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1899.
Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 212, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Houston East & West Texas Railroad Company to lease and operate under lease the Houston & Shreveport Railroad,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 262, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to make an appropriation of two thousand dollars to assist the local authorities at Laredo, Webb county, Texas, in suppressing and abating the epidemic of smallpox now raging at that place,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 3:15 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

JOHNSON, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 15, 1899.
Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have carefully examined and compared

Substitute Senate bill No. 55, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and create in each of the cities, towns and villages of this State a State court, to be known as the Corporation Court in such city, town or village, and to prescribe the jurisdiction and organization thereof, and to abolish municipal courts,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 3:15 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

JOHNSON, Acting Chairman.

SENATE BILLS ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Senator Dibrell, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 198, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Railroad Commission of Texas to charge fees for all copies of papers in its office, except such as may be furnished to some department of the State government, and to prescribe the amount of such fees."

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Davidson, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 117, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to amend Sections 1069 and 1070, and Sections 2 and 3, of the Acts of the Special Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, approved June 19, 1897,' and to provide for the compensation and mode

of payment of special judges appointed or selected thereunder, and to provide for the trial of cases by such special judges."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Dibrell:

"Amend the bill by adding to Article 1069 the following: 'Provided, that no special judge shall be selected or agreed upon by counsel in any such case when there is any district judge not so disqualified who resides within seventy-five miles of such court.'"

Adopted.

Bill as amended ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Lloyd, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 245, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal an act to incorporate the town of Jacksonville, in Cherokee county, Texas, passed at the session of the Thirteenth Legislature."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Lloyd:

"Amend page 1, line 13, by adding after the word 'repealed' the following, 'and any valid debt now existing against said town of Jacksonville, in Cherokee county, Texas, shall be held good against said town until paid.'"

Adopted.

Bill as amended ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Hanger, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 87, A bill to be entitled "An Act to permit sheriffs and constables and other officers to demand a bond of indemnity before levying a writ of execution."

Bill read second time, and the following committee amendments, to wit:

"Amend by adding after the word 'execution,' in Section 1, the words 'upon personal property.'"

"Amend by striking out Section 2 of the bill."

Adopted.

(Senator Turney in the Chair.)

Bill as amended ordered engrossed.

SENATE BILL ON THIRD READING.

On motion of Senator Yett, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on third reading,

Senate bill No. 201, A bill to be entitled "An Act to refund to the various counties of this State the State's pro rata for compiling the delinquent tax record."

Bill read third time, and passed.

SENATE BILLS ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Senator Davidson, the

regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 203, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the several counties in this State to invest the permanent school fund belonging to such counties in their own bonds, and to use the proceeds thereof for general county purposes, and to make the county liable for such investment."

Bill read second time (in full at request of Senator Greer).

Bill ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Hanger, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 83, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 5157 and 5159, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the bonds of tax collectors."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Hanger:

"Amend by adding Section 3: 'The near approach of the close of the session, and the large amount of business yet undisposed of, renders it improbable that this bill can be read on three several days, and creates an emergency and imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and it is so suspended.'"

Adopted.

Bill as amended ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Johnson, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 197, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate \$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars) to build and maintain an orphans' home for colored children at Corsicana, Texas, and for the purchase of one hundred acres of land; to provide for the appointment of a board of managers, superintendent and matron for said home, and to define their duties."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Johnson:

"Amend Section 3, line 24, by inserting after the word 'managers' the following: 'This institution shall be under the control and management of the board of managers of the State Orphans' Home.'"

Adopted.

The bill failed of engrossment by the following vote, no quorum voting:

Yeas—19.

Atlee.	Hanger.
Burns.	James.
Davidson.	Johnson.
Dibrell.	Linn.
Gough.	Lloyd.
Greer.	McGee.

Morriss.	Turney.
Patterson.	Wayland.
Ross.	Yantis.
Terrell.	

Nays—1.

Yett.

Absent—Excused.

Lewis.	Odell.
Miller.	Potter.
Neal.	Stone.

Senator Wayland moved that the Senate adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Lost.

Senator Johnson moved a call of the Senate for the purpose of securing a quorum.

Motion duly seconded, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	McGee.
Davidson.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Patterson.
Gough.	Ross.
Greer.	Terrell.
Hanger.	Turney.
James.	Wayland.
Johnson.	Yantis.
Linn.	Yett.

Absent.

Goss.	Sebastian.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Kerr.	

Absent—Excused.

Lewis.	Odell.
Miller.	Potter.
Neal.	Stone.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Terrell, Senators Goss and Grinnan were excused for the remainder of the week on account of official business.

Senators Stafford and Sebastian were announced. Quorum present.

Call suspended.

Question recurring on engrossment of Senate bill No. 197 (see above), the same was ordered engrossed by the following vote:

Yeas—18.

Burns.	McGee.
Dibrell.	Morriss.
Gough.	Patterson.
Greer.	Ross.
Hanger.	Sebastian.
James.	Stafford.
Johnson.	Terrell.
Linn.	Turney.
Lloyd.	Wayland.

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Nays—4.

Atlee.	Yantis.
Davidson.	Yett.

Absent—Excused.

Goss.	Neal.
Grinnan.	Odell.
Lewis.	Potter.
Miller.	Stone.

SENATE BILLS ON THIRD READING.

On motion of Senator Greer the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on third reading,

Senate bill No. 212, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Houston East & West Texas Railway Company to lease and to operate under lease, the Houston & Shreveport Railroad, extending from the State boundary line at Logansport, Louisiana, thence through the parishes of DeSoto and Caddo, into the city of Shreveport in said State."

Bill read third time, and passed.

Senator Greer moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed, and lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

On motion of Senator Davidson the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on third reading,

Senate bill No. 202, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5364, Title CXI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to wool growing interest, so as to strike out of the exempt list the counties of Calhoun and Aransas."

Senator Davidson moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days and place the bill on its third reading and final passage.

(This was necessary inasmuch as the bill had only been engrossed today.)

Suspended by the following vote:

Yeas—20.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Burns.	Patterson.
Davidson.	Ross.
Dibrell.	Sebastian.
Greer.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Terrell.
James.	Turney.
Johnson.	Wayland.
Linn.	Yantis.
Lloyd.	Yett.

Nays—1.

McGee.

Absent.

Gough. Kerr.

Absent—Excused.

Goss.	Lewis.
Grinnan.	Miller.

Neal. Potter.
Odell. Stone.

Bill read third time. The roll call on final passage developed no quorum, the vote being:

Yeas—20.

Atlee. McGee.
Burns. Morriss.
Davidson. Ross.
Dibrell. Sebastian.
Greer. Stafford.
Hanger. Terrell.
James. Turney.
Johnson. Wayland.
Linn. Yantis.
Lloyd. Yett.

Absent.

Gough. Patterson.
Kerr.

Absent—Excused.

Goss. Neal.
Grinnan. Odell.
Lewis. Potter.
Miller. Stone.

Senator Davidson moved a call of the Senate for the purpose of securing a quorum.

Motion duly seconded, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee. Morriss.
Burns. Patterson.
Davidson. Ross.
Dibrell. Sebastian.
Greer. Stafford.
Hanger. Terrell.
James. Turney.
Johnson. Wayland.
Lloyd. Yantis.
McGee. Yett.

Absent.

Gough. Linn.
Kerr.

Absent—Excused.

Goss. Neal.
Grinnan. Odell.
Lewis. Potter.
Miller. Stone.

No quorum.

On motion of Senator Stafford the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

FORTY-SEVENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Thursday, March 16, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee. Lloyd.
Burns. McGee.
Davidson. Morriss.
Dibrell. Patterson.
Gough. Ross.
Greer. Sebastian.
Hanger. Stafford.
James. Terrell.
Johnson. Wayland.
Kerr. Yantis.
Lewis. Yett.
Linn.

Absent.

Odell. Turney.

Absent—Excused.

Goss. Neal.
Grinnan. Potter.
Miller. Stone.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Denison.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Yett, the same was dispensed with.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Stafford, Senator Turney was excused for today and tomorrow on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Hanger, Senator Odell was excused for today and tomorrow on account of important business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 16, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred

House bill No. 381, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act known as Senate bill No. 236, Chapter 57, of the General Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, regulating the time of holding the district court in Jasper, Newton, Orange, Jefferson and Tyler counties, so as to reduce the terms in Tyler and Newton counties, and to extend the terms in Jefferson county,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

DAVIDSON, Chairman.